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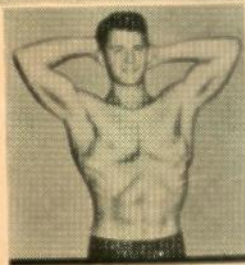
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ME? I'M O'MALLEY OF THE RACKET SQUAD--AND I'VE JUST BUSTED THE BIGGEST CASE IN OUR UNSOLVED FILES WIDE OPEN! BUT THIS IS NO TIME TO PAT ME ON THE BACK! I'M IN SIZZLING HOT WATER NOW... IN FACT, I'M A...

DEAD DUCK



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PEOPLE ARE CARELESS -- THEY LEAVE THEIR KEYS IN THE IGNITION, THEY LEAVE THE DOORS UNLOCKED... AND CARS GET SNATCHED EVERY DAY...

WE'LL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU, SIR! YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT -- STOLEN CARS ARE RECOVERED SOONER OR LATER!



BUT THIS WAS THE START OF SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT! THIS WAS THE START OF A CAR ROBBERY WAVE WHERE THE STOLEN CARS JUST SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR INTO THIN AIR...

I DON'T GET IT! IT JUST DOESN'T FIGURE THAT NONE OF THEM SHOULD'VE SHOWN UP BY NOW!



COULD BE THIS IS AN ORGANIZED RING WE'RE UP AGAINST... SOME SLIMY BUNCH THAT'S HIT ON A NEW WAY TO GET RID OF HOT CARS!

IN THAT CASE, WE'D BETTER CALL IN THE RACKET SQUAD!



SO THEY CONTACTED OUR SQUAD AND THE CHIEF BRIEFED US...

...THAT'S THE SET-UP, MEN! I WANT YOU ALL TO DIG HARD AND DON'T STOP TILL YOU BRING IN THE CROOKS! BUT DON'T DROP YOUR GUARD WHILE YOU'RE DIGGING!



THOSE BABIES WE'RE UP AGAINST ARE RUNNING A BIG OPERATION! THEY HAVE A LOT AT STAKE... AND WHEN YOU CATCH UP TO THEM, THEY'LL PLAY BALL FOR KEEPS!



SO THE LEGWORK STARTED! AND WE SENT DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL THE STOLEN CARS TO EVERY SECOND HAND DEALER IN THE COUNTRY...

NOTHING YET! NOT A TRACE OF THOSE CARS ANYWHERE!



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THE CHIEF CALLED US IN AGAIN...

I'M NOT BAWLING YOU OUT, MEN-- I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST. NOW HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...



...BRING IN YOUR OWN CARS TO THE POLICE GARAGE. WE'LL HAVE SPECIALLY MARKED DIFFERENTIALS INSTALLED IN EVERY ONE OF THEM. THEN YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY DUMB...



...EVERY TIME YOU PARK, LEAVE THE DOORS OPEN! NOW GET THIS STRAIGHT-- I DON'T WANT YOU HANGING AROUND, LAYING FOR THE CROOKS. GO DROP INTO A MOVIE OR SOMETHING! THOSE CROOKS ARE TOO SMART TO FALL INTO A SUCKER AMBUSH... I WANT THOSE CARS REALLY UNATTENDED!



I WANT ONE OF THOSE CARS STOLEN! THE CROOKS HAVE BEEN REPAINTING, CHANGING UPHOLSTERY, AND SERIAL NUMBERS-- BUT THEY'LL NEVER THINK OF CHANGING THE DIFFERENTIAL!



SO WE DID LIKE THE CHIEF SAID...



AND A WEEK LATER... THE BAIT'S BEEN SNAPPED UP! STEWART'S CAR WAS STOLEN THIS MORNING! AND WE'VE SENT WORD TO ALL THE DEALERS TO WATCH OUT FOR THE MARKED DIFFERENTIAL!



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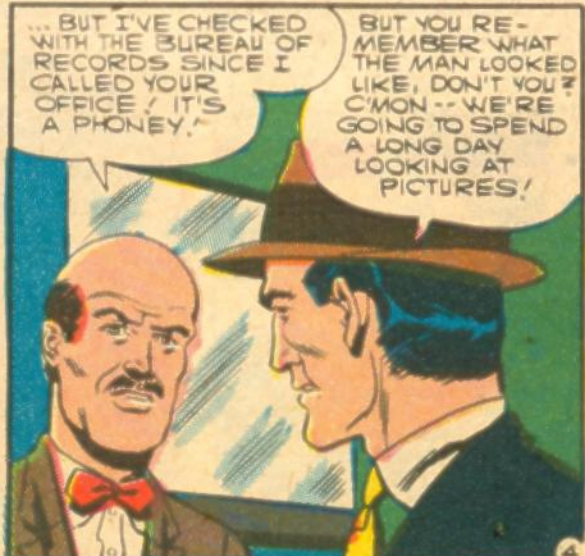
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THAT DAY IN THE ROGUES' GALLERY WAS LONG, ALL RIGHT!

I'M SORRY-- HE'S NOT HERE!

HMMM...

IT WAS THE NEXT MORNING NOW, AND I WAS CHECKING OVER THE HOT HEAP ITSELF...

SOME OF THESE PARTS ARE BRAND NEW! COULD BE I COULD TRACE THEM THROUGH A PARTS DEALER!

MORE LEGWORK NOW... MORE BLIND ALLEYS AND STONE WALLS, BUT AT LAST...

YUP, THAT'S ONE OF OURS-- AND IF YOU WAIT JUST A MINUTE, I'LL TELL YOU WHO BOUGHT IT!

MISTER-- IT'LL BE A PLEASURE!

THEY'D BEEN BOUGHT BY THE LENOX GARAGE-- AND THAT'S WHERE I HIGH- TAILED TO NEXT! THIS CASE WAS BREAKING FAST NOW, I WAS WALKING ON AIR...

IF THIS ISN'T THE END OF THE TRAIL... I'LL EAT MY HAT!

LENOX GARAGE

I'M FROM THE RACKET SQUAD! TALK FAST, MISTER-- WHAT'S YOUR TIE-UP WITH THE STOLEN-CAR RACKET IN THIS TOWN?

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

YOU DON'T? MAYBE THIS WILL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY-- ONE OF THOSE CARS WAS RECOVERED, AND I'VE TRACED A NEW ENGINE PART TO YOU! WANT TO TALK NOW-- OR DOWN AT HEADQUARTERS WITH THE HEAT ON?

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I'D SPOTTED HIM FOR A JELLY-FISH, SO I WAS PLAYING IT ROUGH.' AND IT PAID OFF..

P-PLEASE -- YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME! I-I'M NOT A THIEF... I WAS FORCED INTO THIS! ALL I'VE BEEN DOING IS BUYING THE PARTS! IT'S MY BROTHER-IN-LAW... HE'S BEEN FORCING ME!

HE TOLD ME HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW WAS AN EX-CON WHO'D SPENT HIS JAIL TERM DREAMING UP THE OPERATION! HE'D FIGURED OUT EVERY LAST DETAIL -- 'CAR SNATCHERS' ON A PAYROLL WITH BONUSES IF THEY TOPPED THEIR QUOTA, AN UNDERGROUND GARAGE WHERE THE HOT CARS GOT THEIR 'FACES' LIFTED, A PRINTING SHOP FOR FORGED OWNERSHIP PAPERS, OUT-OF-TOWN CON MEN TO DO THE SELLING...

OKAY, NOW WHERE DO I FIND THIS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF YOURS?



LOOKING FOR ME, INSPECTOR?

HEY!



YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D LET A SPINELESS PUNK LIKE HIM FLOAT AROUND WITHOUT HAVING A DICTAPHONE TAP IN HIS OFFICE--DID YOU? I GOT WORD HE WAS SQUEALING AS SOON AS HE STARTED... AND NOW I'M HERE TO SHUT TWO MOUTHS-- HIS AND YOURS!

ME? I'M O'MALLEY OF THE RACKET SQUAD... AND I'M IN SIZZLING HOT WATER RIGHT NOW...

I'VE THOUGHT THIS OUT! I KNOW JUST WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH THESE TWO DEAD DUCKS!

WHY DON'T YOU WISE UP? THE SQUAD HAS THE SAME LEADS I FOLLOWED! THEY'LL BE COMING ALONG SOON, AND...

AND WHAT? AS LONG AS I PLAY THIS SMART, I'LL BE IN THE CLEAR!



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The

ORACLE

FOLKS IN THE TINY VILLAGE OF LONESOME VALLEY LISTENED WHEN CYRUS WELLS SPOKE. BECAUSE WHAT HE SAID GENERALLY CAME TRUE BEFORE THE DAY ENDED. THE LOCAL PAPER AND RADIO PROVED HE WAS RIGHT. DAY AFTER DAY. YOUNG BEN DRAKE AND HIS BRIDE WERE AMAZED WHEN THEY HEARD HIM THE FIRST DAY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL.

I PREDICT DRAKE IS GONNA SLIP AN' BREAK HIS NECK FOOLIN' AROUND THAT ANTENNA O' HIS UP ON THE MOUNTAIN! SMALL LOSS, TOO!



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BEN DRAKE HAD SEEN THE FARM ADVERTISED AND WRITTEN TO CYRUS WELLS! ELLEN THOUGHT LONESOME VALLEY WAS 'QUAINT'...

LOOKS T' ME LIKE THE YANKS'LL WIN THE SERIES!

DOESN'T HE KNOW? THE YANKS ALREADY...

NO TIME FOR CHATTER, BUB! YOU WANT TO GET OUT TO LOOK AT THAT FINE FARM O' YOURS!



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BUT THE ENRAGED FARMER WENT FOR THE SMILING 'ORACLE'-- THEN BEN KNEW WHY THE HUGE ATLAS BRICKHOUSE WAS ALWAYS NEAR...

SHOULD I SMASH 'IM UP, MR. WELLS?

NO--HE HAS TO WALK OUT OF THESE HILLS-- HE WON'T HAVE TIME TO HEAL!



BEN DROVE ELLEN TO THE FARM, GOT HIS RESERVE MONEY AND STARTED BACK! HE DIDN'T GET FAR..

I WISH WE COULD GET ANOTHER RADIO STATION IN HERE! THERE'S ONLY THE ONE LINE PIPED IN ON CYRUS'S PRIVATE LINE!

WE CAN ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE NEWSPAPER, BEN! THAT'S TRUCKED IN ABOUT NOON EACH DAY!



I KNOW-- BUT I'M STILL GOING TO BUILD AN ANTENNA TOWER ON OUR HILL! THAT WAY WE CAN GET OTHER CITIES...

DON'T DO IT, DRAKE! US FOLKS GET ALONG FINE WITH THE RADIO STATION I GOT! YOU'RE A STRANGER HERE...



... AN' YOU OWE ON YOUR MORTGAGE!

THAT'S YOUR IDEA! I'LL PAY THAT OFF AS SOON AS I CAN GET TO THE FARM AND BACK!



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I THOUGHT I
HEARD...
UNGH!



DUCKIN' WON'T
HELP YUH
MUCH...



DRAKE FOUGHT BACK--
BUT HE WENT DOWN
UNDER THE RUTHLESS
BATTERING...

WAIT... DON'T
STEAL... MONEY!



BEN WAS ACHING IN EVERY MUSCLE
BUT HE MANAGED TO GET TO
TOWN. HE LEARNED THEN THAT
CYRUS WELLS WAS JUSTICE OF
THE PEACE...

IT WAS BRICK-
HOUSE, WELLS!
DO YOU ARREST
HIM OR DO I
CALL THE
STATE POLICE?

AS JUSTICE OF
THE PEACE, I
FIND YOU GUILTY
OF LIBEL TO MR.
BRICKHOUSE.
AN' AS SOLE
OWNER OF THE
LOCAL PHONES,
I FIND I CAN'T
GET ANY CALLS
THROUGH!



ALL RIGHT, WELLS--BUT
I'LL BUILD THAT ANTENNA
I MENTIONED. MAYBE
A LITTLE FRESH
NEWS IN THIS TOWN
MIGHT CHANGE
YOUR ORACLE
STATUS!



BEN HAD STAYED AWAKE
UNTIL THREE WHEN HE
DOZED A LITTLE--AND
SUDDENLY...



UNGH!

BEN WENT
TO WORK--
HE HAD
LITTLE
MONEY
FOR
MATERIAL
BUT THE
TOWER
WENT
UP FAST!
HE HAD
PLENTY OF
VOLUNTEERS
TO HELP...



THE ANTENNA'S
SET UP! WE'LL
STRING THE
WIRE TOMORROW!
JUST MAKE SURE
NOTHIN' HAPPENS
'TWEEN NOW
AN' THEN!

I'M STAYING RIGHT
HERE ALL NIGHT!

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THE YOUNG FARMER WAS CERTAIN IT WAS BRICK-HOUSE WHO HAD JUMP-ED HIM ...

I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU APART, YOU BIG CLOD! AFTER THAT, I'M GOING TO START ON YOUR BOSS.

GO AHEAD, ATLAS! FIX HIM GOOD THIS TIME!

JUST THEN HALF THE TOWN ARRIVED IN TIME TO SEE BRICK-HOUSE GO DOWN...

I'M WITH THE YOUNG FELLER--I DON'T CARE IF YOU DO FORECLOSE ON ME!

GET BACK, ALL OF... ODOOF!

NICE GOIN', JIM! NOW LET'S SEE WHAT'S IN THAT SECRET ROOM!

PRIVATE

...AND THAT IS THE NEWS OF THE DAY, TUNE IN AGAIN AT THIS...

I DON'T GET IT! HOW COME HE USES THIS GADGET?

THAT'S SIMPLE! HE GOT HIS REPUTATION THAT WAY!

CYRUS CONTROLLED ALL THE NEWS! HIS TRUCK BROUGHT THE PAPERS IN. HE HELD THEM UP A DAY! HE ALSO RETRANSMITTED THE RADIO PROGRAMS... HE RECORDED THEM AND REBROADCAST THEM A DAY LATER! IT'S EASY TO BE AN ORACLE IF YOU HAVE TOMORROW'S PAPER TODAY!

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"They finally have done something about establishing a Hunter Safety Training Program in this state," remarked Detective Al Norton of Special Squad to his buddy, Ben Egan. "When a fellow went out hunting the chances were that the deer had to carry a first aid kit to help the wounded hunters. People were carrying guns who hadn't the slightest idea of how to safely handle a gun, how to hunt, and what to do in case of an emergency. So the state passed a law that every new hunter between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one had to take a course established by the Conservation Department."

"Where did they get the fellows to give these courses?" interrupted Detective Ben Egan. "Seems a sensible idea."

"They asked the various shooting and hunting clubs to cooperate in the matter. These men gave up their time freely to help in a good cause. You remember Mike Devanty? He was head of the Kitachawan Hunting Club last year. I went to visit him down at the Community Center. He had more than thirty young boys in that room. They were showing these boys the proper way of taking care of guns. On the blackboard they had a very important slogan: You can't recall a carelessly shot bullet from a gun."

"When these boys finish the course they are given a certificate of competence. They take the certificate with them when they go to get their hunting license," continued Detective Al Norton.

The phone rang and Ben Egan answered it. No need to continue on the topic of Hunter Safety Education.

"Chief Edward Mirkus wants us in his office at once. Says he has a very unusual case for us to investigate. Come on! We can't keep the chief waiting. Anyway I want to find out what he considers a very unusual case."

The police chief was very proud of the two members of his Special Squad. They could handle anything from ordinary routine matters to the toughest assignment. The door to his office was open and they walked in. A middle-aged stout man with dark black hair was seated on a chair near the chief's desk.

"Mr. Richter," said the police chief, "I want you to meet my two best detectives, Al Norton and Ben Egan. Tell them everything. Just as

you told me. Then they will start to work on the case at once."

"I am a dealer in precious gems," began the man. "I live in a two story semi-detached house at 215 Pinehurst Avenue. This house has four rooms downstairs and three bedrooms on the upper floor. I go abroad several times a year to buy gems. Monday I returned from France. Last night we had sort of a party. My wife, my daughter Elia, her boy friend Jim Plaut, my two young twins, and my nephew, Herbert Ashton. We talked about my trips. This time I remarked I had not declared diamonds to the custom officers on my return here nor was I searched. I was in a gay mood and showed a small bag which I said contained a thousand stones."

When I went to bed I left the pouch with the stones in my trousers. I have a safe in the house but did not use it. About three in the morning I was conscious somebody was in my room. I got up from bed and there was a struggle. Next thing I knew, I was on the floor. I got to my feet and turned on the electric light. The pouch with the stones was missing."

Detective Al Norton glanced at his buddy. It was evident they both had the same reaction. Ben Egan spoke first.

"We listened very carefully to what you said. You just admitted you violated the law bringing in undeclared stones which is known as smuggling. The thief must have been somebody at the party. He or she figured you won't dare report it to the police."

Mr. Richter laughed and the police chief smiled. It was evident both of them had some kind of a joke.

"I am a good American," insisted Mr. Richter. "In addition I happen to be a very wealthy man. Why should I smuggle? I see you got that impression from what I said. But why was it I didn't declare the diamonds? Because I brought no diamonds with me. Only some imitations I bought in Paris. I want them for display purposes. Worth about two hundred dollars at the most. Why wasn't I searched? Because I declared these imitation stones."

The two detectives laughed. They realized the joke was on them. Detective Al Norton spoke.

"Whoever took those stones figured it was

an easy job. We will contact all the diamond dealers at once. They will spot the phony stones. We will arrange a signal with them so that the person bringing the stones will not become suspicious."

A week later, Adolph Morley, dealer in precious stones, was seated in his office. His secretary announced that a young man wanted to see him about selling some stones.

"Show him in and then close the door. Be certain we are not interrupted."

A thin young tall man, not over twenty-five, entered the office.

"You buy valuable diamonds?" he asked.

"Show them to me," was the simple answer.

The young man took a small box from his pocket and poured fifty stones upon the desk top. Mr. Morley looked at them carefully.

"I have somebody who is very much interested in stones like these. I will call him. You may listen to the conversation."

The dealer dialed a number and heard a voice on the other side say: "Detective Al Norton speaking."

"This is Adolph Morley," began the dealer. "I have some stones that may be of interest to you. Just what you have been looking for."

"Be over in less than fifteen minutes," said the detective. "Hold him there if he tries to leave."

Thirteen minutes later the two detectives entered the office.

"I want you to meet Al Norton and Ben Egan," introduced the dealer. "By the way, what is your name?"

"Frank Watson," said the young man. "Let's get this over in a hurry. I got to be back at the garage soon. This is my lunch hour."

The two men showed their badges. The young man's eyes almost popped out of his head.

"What's wrong? I haven't done anything."

"Suppose you tell us where you got these stones. If you haven't done anything then you have nothing to worry about."

"I work in MacPherson's Garage on Central Avenue," continued Frank Watson. "I do a lot of odd jobs and pick up extra money. Comes in handy. I have a six months old baby, and you fellows must understand you need money when you have a little kid. I won't do anything not legal. There's a nice fellow by the name of Herbert Ashton who keeps his car in

the garage. Gave me this stuff and said to bring it here and sell it. I would get a commission of ten per cent. He's back in the garage waiting for me."

The two detectives accompanied the young man back to the garage. They had been given the layout of the place. Herbert Ashton was waiting in a small office. There was a window on the side of the office. The two detectives crept along the floor and below the window level so they wouldn't be seen. Frank Watson followed orders. He went into the office.

"Give me the money," said Herbert Ashton. "What delayed you?"

"Why should I give you anything at all," snapped back the young man.

"Try that and I'll call the police and have you arrested," half shouted Herbert Ashton.

"There's the phone," pointed Frank Watson. "Go ahead and call. I will wait right here."

Herbert Ashton walked to the phone and hesitated. He knew his bluff had been called. What could he do? He was prepared to use force when the two detectives entered.

"Just stay the way you are and don't move," warned Al Norton. "We are detectives from Special Squad."

Herbert Ashton went with the two men to headquarters. He seemed to regain his poise and even joked with them. They waited at headquarters until Mr. Richter arrived. He then faced his nephew.

"What did you do? Make out you left the house. A fine way to treat me after the things I have done for you."

"You can't say a thing or make a complaint," challenged the nephew.

"I charge him with robbery and will appear before the Grand Jury," retorted Mr. Richter.

"And I will go to the federal authorities and tell them you smuggled diamonds into the country," was the reply of Herbert Ashton.

The two detectives explained the correct situation to the nephew. He was bewildered.

"You, like others, thought you had the perfect crime set-up," said Detective Ben Egan. "You committed a robbery at night. That's grand larceny in this state regardless of the value of the object taken. You will have sufficient time in State Prison to reflect."

— THE END —



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THEY COULDN'T REMEMBER



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

BUT THAT WAS EASIER SAID THAN DONE...



I CAN'T REMEMBER,
(SOS) I CAN'T
REMEMBER!

OKAY--WE'VE DRAWN
A BLANK DOWN
MEMORY LANE!
SO NOW WE CHECK
ALL HER FRIENDS
AND RELATIVES
AND WE TRY TO
FIND OUT WHO
NUDGED HER
INTO WITH-
DRAWING THAT
MONEY!



IT WAS O'MALLEY OF THE RACKET SQUAD
WHO TRACKED DOWN THE SWAMI...

YOU KNOW
AN OLD LADY
NAMED
FERRIS?

WHY, YES! I KNOW
MISS FERRIS VERY
WELL! SHE IS ONE
OF MY CLIENTS!



YOU BEEN ADVISING
HER ON ANY IN-
VESTMENTS
LATELY...STUFF
LIKE THAT?

I AM
NOT
AN "IN-
VESTMENT
BROKER,"
SIR!
HOWEVER...



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IN A CLIENT'S LIFE
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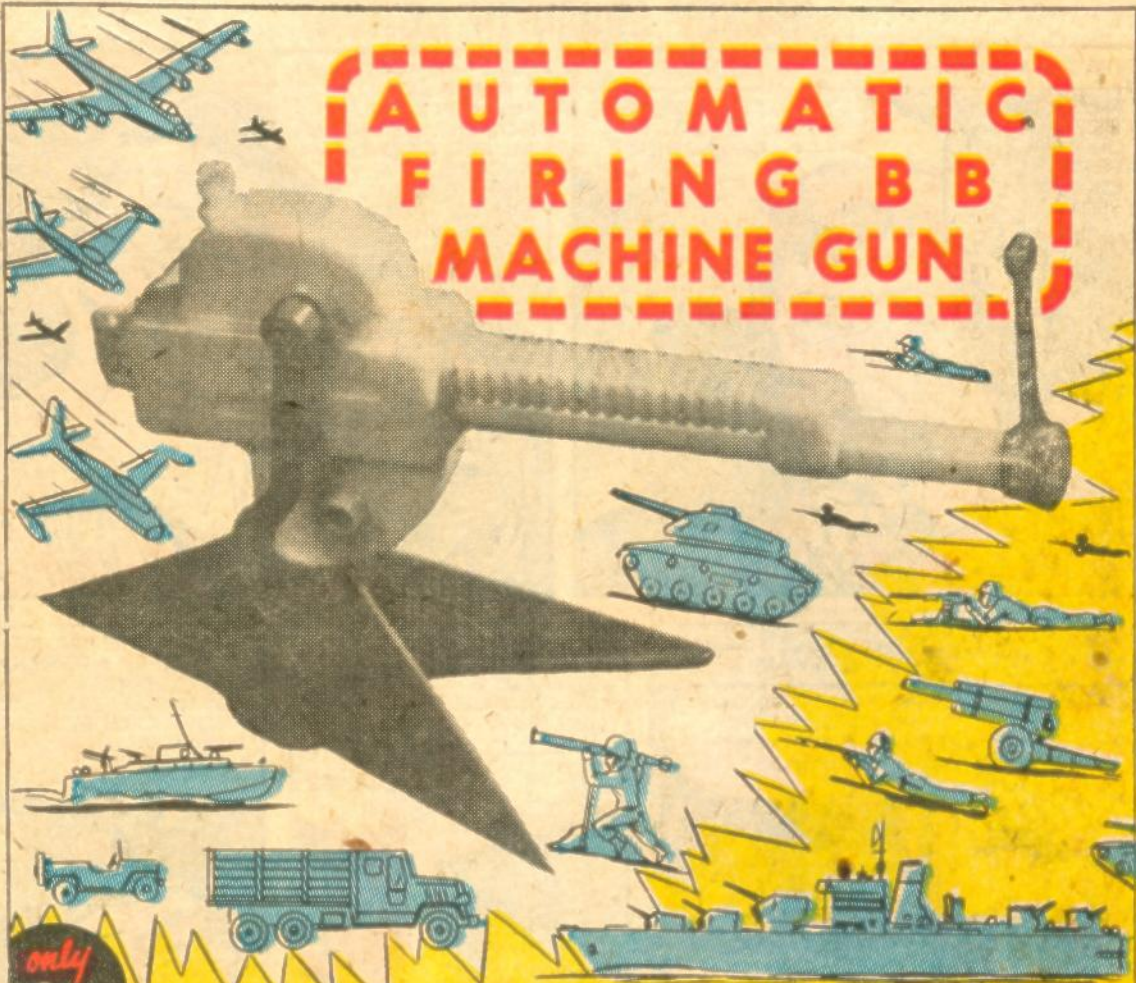


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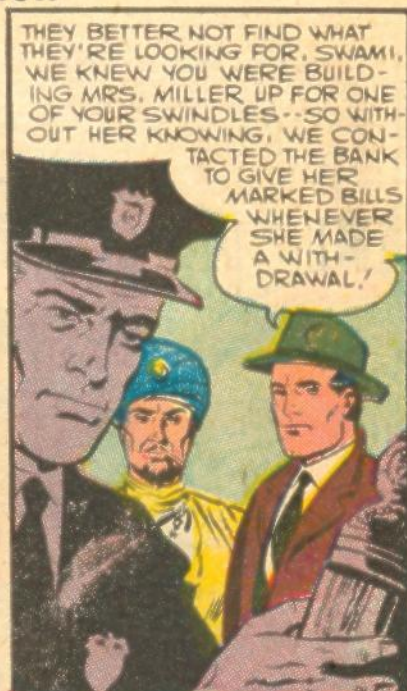
IT TOOK FOUR LONG MONTHS FOR THE ACROSS- THE-STREET PLANT TO PAY OFF...



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BIG BARGAIN

ED LIBBY COULDN'T BELIEVE HIS EARS WHEN THE SALESMAN NAMED THE PRICE FOR THE GLEAMING CONVERTIBLE! HE PAID THE \$300 BEFORE THE MAN COULD CHANGE HIS MIND...



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RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

EVEN THOUGH HE COULDN'T CONTACT HIS FIANCEE, HE WENT AHEAD WITH HIS PLANS. HIS WONDERFUL BARGAIN WAS DELIVERED ON TIME...



I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S NO CATCH IN THIS DEAL, CALLA!

RELAX, LIBBY! THE CAR'S YOURS! I JUST WANT TO BE SURE YOU TAKE ME ALONG WHEN YOU START EAST.

MEANWHILE, A CLERK FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU WAS GOSSIPING WITH INSPECTOR MALONEY OF THE RACKET SQUAD...

SAY, INSPECTOR, WOULD A SALE OF AN ABILARD 8 FOR \$300 INTEREST YOU? I OKAYED THE TRANSFER SALE YESTERDAY.

WHO SOLD IT? THERE'S A GIMMICK IN A DEAL LIKE THAT!



A MAN NAMED RICK CALLA!

CALLA MADE HEADLINES A FEW TIMES. HE'S A TRANS-CONTINENTAL FENCE NOW! TRANSPORTS AND MARKETS STOLEN GOODS. WHAT'S THE BUYER'S NAME?



MEANWHILE, ED LIBBY WAS PACKED AND READY TO LEAVE! RICK CALLA WAS THERE AT THE CAR WAITING...

HURRY IT UP, LIBBY! WE'RE AN HOUR LATE GETTING STARTED NOW!

I'M READY, I SORT OF EXPECTED WORD FROM MY GIRL BUT NO LUCK!



HE WAS BEHIND THE WHEEL, READY TO GO, WHEN A PRETTY GIRL ASKED FOR HIM AT THE DESK...



ED! I FLEW OUT TO MEET YOU.

MARY! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE!



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



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AT RACKET SQUAD HEADQUARTERS, INSPECTOR MALONEY WAS PUTTING FACTS TOGETHER AND COMING UP WITH A WILD GUESS...

SAY IT AGAIN SLOW, MALONEY.

OKAY! I THINK CALLA BOUGHT THE JEWELS AND NEGOTIABLE BONDS STOLEN LAST WEEK. RIGHT NOW THEY'RE HIDDEN IN AN ABILARD EIGHT OWNED BY A MAN NAMED ED LIBBY.



LIBBY BOUGHT THE CAR FOR AT LEAST A THOUSAND LESS THAN IT'S WORTH. RICK CALLA SOLD IT! I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.



AT THAT MOMENT, ED LIBBY WAS SHOWING HIS FIANCEE AROUND TOWN. HE FOUND A NICE HIGH ROAD WHERE THE VIEW WAS GOOD...

RELAX, HONEY! IT'LL BE NICE TO BE MARRIED! I'LL GET A JOB OUT HERE!

THAT MAN WORRIED ME, DARLING! REMEMBER, HE HAD A GUN!



THAT'S RIGHT, BABY, AND I STILL GOT IT! CLIMB OUT OF THE CAR SLOW, LIBBY. NO SUDDEN MOVES.



DON'T HURT HIM -- HE'LL GIVE YOU THE CAR!

NO, HE WON'T... I'LL TAKE IT! HE'LL SIGN THE TRANSFER!



EVERYTHING WAS GOING FINE BUT YOU HAD TO MESS UP MY PLANS!



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LET US BOTH
GO! PLEASE, DON'T
HURT HIM!



DUCK, MARY! GET
DOWN ON THE
FLOOR!

I'LL GET HIM,
RICK!

DROP THAT
GUN!



YOU'RE A
COP? BUT
HOW DID
YOU ...?

A PATROLMAN SPOTTED THE CAR
COME IN HERE! A FRIEND TIPPED
ME ABOUT THE BARGAIN AND I
LOOKED UP THE SELLER. ONCE
I KNEW CALLA WAS IN ON IT, I
KNEW HE WAS USING A NEW
WAY TO TRANSPORT STOLEN
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